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ON THE BEAT

Crime is down in many East County communities, and some of the credit belongs to a growing number of radio-slinging retirees who are on the job, protecting their neighborhoods and changing the face of local law enforcement.

by Howard Owens

There are no cowboys, — as Lemon Grove Mayor Bob Burns calls them — in the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol.

Cowboys like to chase bad guys; RSVP is dedicated to the mundane, the menial and the inglorious tasks of police work. Because RSVP exists in Lemon Grove, La Mesa, Spring Valley and Santee, sworn peace officers have more time to fight crime and deal with serious problems.

"About the most exciting thing we did last week was go pick up a deputy whose car stalled at the court house," Burns said.

More than 150 retired men and women are prowling the streets of East County, with another 30 to 40 expected to join the program in July. Each volunteer works an average of one or two six-hour shifts a week. They write parking tickets, check on homes while residents are out of town, control traffic at accident scenes and keep an eye out for graffiti and stolen cars. They are not cops, but with radios always handy, they know how to get help in a hurry.

RSVP began in most local communities a year ago. Its success is unquestioned among law enforcement personnel. Crime is down in Lemon Grove, La Mesa and Santee, and police officials say RSVP deserves much of the credit for the slide.

El Cajon is without RSVP, and budget constraints could hamper its development there any time soon. The city does have a citizen's patrol, but it differs significantly from RSVP. It's open to all licensed drivers, not just seniors, and the citizens patrol in their own, unmarked cars, with cellular phones. They receive only two hours training, where the RSVP program requires 62 hours training.

Officials throughout East County say RSVP is a success and ought to be expanded.

"They (RSVP volunteers) have completely

exceeded our expectations," said La Mesa Chief of Police Walt Mitchell. "They have blossomed like you wouldn't believe. We are now graduating our third class. Every time I look around I see them doing wonderful things for the city."

RSVP is a program almost unique to California. Fred Wilson, RSVP coordinator for the San Diego Police Department, introduced the concept locally in 1992, starting a program in Rancho Bernardo. Wilson said he adapted the program from similar operations in Fountain Valley and San Bernardino.

The idea of using senior volunteers to patrol their neighborhoods is only now gaining attention in police departments outside California. Other countries are also taking an interest in RSVP. Brazil is studying it, and Hong Kong already has seniors standing on street corners with RSVP armbands.

With more than 300 volunteers in the San Diego police program, Wilson said RSVP is growing rapidly.

"You couldn't recruit better people," Wilson said. "They bring a nice gentleness to the department and I think improve the divisions they work in. They are not wanna be cops. They are just excellent."

The Sheriff's Department started its first RSVP unit in Encinitas during the summer of 1993.

Lemon Grove and Santee got going in early 1994, and the La Mesa Police Department started RSVP in the fall of 1994.

A typical day for an RSVP patrol is simple. It consists of the tasks sworn officers once did but no longer have time for.

Officers say, for example, that they no longer have time to check on the homes of vacationing families, the way they once did. It might take them weeks to check on a car parked



Lemon Grove Mayor Bob Burns on patrol in his city. Burns and others say they take pride in reducing crime in their communities.

in the same place for more than 72 hours, but RSVP will take care of it in days. Officers have little time for ticketing people illegally parked in handicap zones. They also don't cruise mall parking lots much any more.

"There's a greater demand on law enforcement these days," said Capt. Bill Flores of the Lemon Grove Sheriff's substation. "One of the reasons the crime rate is dropping is that the public's tolerance for crime is dropping. People are more and more willing to contribute to fighting crime on a more personal level. That's one rea-

son this volunteer program is so successful."

The Lemon Grove station currently has 96 volunteers, more than any other substation in the county, Flores said. But the station also has one of the biggest areas to cover. The area includes Spring Valley, Mount Helix, Rancho San Diego and Jamul.

Right now, only Lemon Grove, Spring Valley and Mount Helix receive RSVP coverage.

The volunteers are making a huge contribution, according to Flores.

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Mt. Miguel *El Trovador* News

The new ASB Commissioners for the 95-96 school year have been selected as follows: Brian Bayan, Lindy Bradford, Vanessa Burtis, Norman Cruz, Ambedr Cusick, Leilah Fernandez, Tricia King, Rachel Mosqueda, Veronica Olivas, Jennifer Quinn, Corrine Raroque, Kalvin Reed, and Vi Tran.

English teacher Annette Stamos has been selected Employee of the Year for the Grossmont Union High School District. Mrs. Stamos will now be considered for Employee of the Year for San Diego County.

Reflections '95, the Creative Writing Classes' literary magazine, under Editor-in-chief Joshua J. Burkett, came off the press this week and is available for purchase in Room 231 for \$3 per copy.

Teatro Meta Old Globe presentations will be held Thursday, May 11. Thirty-five M.E.Ch.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán) students, escorted by Spanish teacher Luis Castro, will compete against other school districts.

The Third Annual M.E.Ch.A. Bilingual Parent Scholarship Dinner will be held tomorrow in the cafeteria. The festivities start at 5:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Marshall Emerson's part in the Spring Comedy has been recasted. Francisco Rivera will now play the part. The Spring Comedy will begin on May 30 and run through June 3.

The San Diego National College Fair was held at the Convention Center yesterday, May 3. Counselor, Mrs. Julie Dueñez accompanied 66 juniors to the fair where they could ask questions of the representatives and request information to be sent to them on colleges of their choice.

The *El Trovador* is now accepting applications from students wishing to be on the newspaper staff next year. Journalism is a sixth period elective. Students may contact advisor Pat Curtis in room 231 or Editor-in-Chief Tim Kazules.

The Matador Swim Team defeated Sweetwater last week. The Girls score was 132 to 55 and the boys was 114 to 74. The team lost to Valhalla last week with scores of girls 112 to 76 and boys 131 to 51. Diver Karen Altoff placed third. Today, the girls host Granite Hills while the boys are at Granite Hills. Tuesday there are boys preliminaries at Grossmont at 4:00 while girls preliminaries are Wednesday at 4:00. Thursday will be dive finals at Helix at 4:00 p.m.

San Diego State University is offering a free minority Nurse Summer Environment Program for those interested in a Medical career. For any further information students should contact Guidance Information Specialist Kay Wederstrand in the Career Center.

Grossmont High School beat Mount Miguel's Boys Varsity Softball team, with score 9-1. The next varsity game will be against Grossmont today at 4 p.m.

The Mixed Choir, under the direction of Laurel Sunde, will be singing in the Chorus Festival in Las Vegas tomorrow. Attending will be: Adrienne Bailey, Jeff Brick, Tom Corrao, Tansy Couture, Philip Danley, James Haith, Kay-Marie Johns, Jameel Johnson, Kristina Kirk, Alicia Prince, Tonya Stevens, Christina Wickey, Jon Wilmot, and Amy Wilson. The Choir is currently holding auditions. Interested students should check with the Choir director in room 771.

The Varsity Boys Baseball team defeated Grossmont 9 to 1 on Monday. They faced Valhalla on Tuesday and will play at Granite Hills today at 4 p.m. The Junior Varsity team won 14-0 against Grossmont's Junior Varsity.

The Girls Varsity Softball team was defeated by Grossmont 4-3 on Monday. They played Valhalla Tuesday and will host Granite Hills at 4 p.m. today. The Junior Varsity was defeated by Grossmont 5-0.

Martha Morris has been selected the Employee of the Month for May. She teaches Keyboarding/Introduction to Word Perfect and English.

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WEATHER

The following information was provided by the Lemon Grove Fire Department.

April 25	55	46
April 26	58	46
April 27	66	48
April 28	64	49
April 29	80	46
April 30	84	58
May 1	87	53

Children at risk

A report published last month by the American Lung Association estimates that 491,176 children 13 years of age or younger in San Diego County are potentially at risk for developing breathing disorders, such as asthma attacks, caused by ozone air pollution. Nationwide, 27.1 million children 13 years of age or younger are at risk.

Danger Zones: Ozone Air Pollution And Our Children, estimates that 53.9 percent of America's children live in areas with unhealthy air but are not protected by the current federal air quality standard for ozone or smog.

According to the American Lung association, recent research suggests that the current federal standard does not effectively protect the public's health.

The report, published in the April 28 edition of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, coincides with the American Lung Association's Clean Air Week, April 30-May 6, which focuses attention on environmental issues and lung health.

"Our study dramatically illustrates a major health threat to America's children," said Dr. Ed Doyle of the American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties (ALASDIC). "Unfortunately, while the Lung Association continues to fight for strict clean air standards to protect Americans' health, Congress is attempting to weaken or even destroy those protections."

Currently pending in Congress are bills that would dramatically alter the Clean Air Act, the landmark law that guides this nation's campaign for cleaner air.

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Lemon Grove Fire Log

April 14, 1995 through April 20, 1995

3200 blk. Sweetwater Rd. Fall.
2300 blk. Berry st. Arcing wires.
7800 blk. Broadway. Vehicle fire.
3100 blk. Vista Ave. Chest pains.
7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Possible coroner's case.
Olive Ave./Broadway. Evaluate for the Sheriff.
1500 blk. Skyline Dr. Abdominal pains.
Broadway/North Ave. Traffic accident.
1900 blk. Main St. Assist invalid.

April 21, 1995 through April 27, 1995

2300 blk. 69th St. Bleeding.
Hwy 94/College Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.
7500 blk. Broadway. Fall.
8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Head injury.
3200 blk. New Jersey Ave. Fall.
Palm St./Lemon Grove Ave. Traffic accident.
Hwy 94 EB/Lemon Grove Ave. Freeway/accident/rescue.
7100 blk. West View Pl. Difficulty breathing.
3400 blk. Washington St. Assault victim.
7000 blk. Broadway. Single engine response.
2200 blk. Berry St. Unresponsive.
3200 blk. College Pl. Possible coroner's case.
7500 blk. Roosevelt Ave. Single engine response.
7800 blk. Broadway. Unconscious.
7400 blk. North Ave. Broken nose.
1900 blk. Main St. Diabetic problem.
8000 blk. Palm St. Bleeding.
3200 blk. Buena Vista Ave. Difficulty breathing.
Hwy 94/Spring St. Freeway/accident/rescue.
7600 blk. Broadway. Commercial/industrial fire.
3200 blk. Sweetwater Way. Fall.
1600 blk. Colfax Dr. Difficulty breathing.
Broadway/Kempf St. Vehicle accident.
8100 blk. Roy St. Fall.
3100 blk. Citrus St. Difficulty breathing.
8300 blk. Palm St. Vehicle fire.
2200 blk. El Prado Ave. Passing out.
2600 blk. Glebe Rd. Poss. carbon monoxide poisoning.
7000 blk. San Miguel Ave. Chest pains.
7900 blk. Lansing Dr. Diabetic problem.
1800 blk. Madera St. Difficulty breathing.
3200 blk. College Pl. Abdominal pains.
8000 blk. Broadway. Difficulty breathing.
1700 blk. Dayton Dr. Possible Heart.
2500 blk. Cinderella Way. Non breather.
2600 blk. Sheri Ln. Abdominal pains.
3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.
2700 blk. Corona St. Unconscious.
7100 blk. West View Pl. Seizure.
3200 blk. Main St. Evaluate for the Sheriff.
7500 blk. Davidson Ave. Medical aid.
7600 blk. Lansing Dr. Difficulty breathing.

Recycling program creates new jobs

The Integrated Waste Management Board today announced it has pumped nearly \$12.5 million into the California economy and generated over 500 jobs through a unique program that sets up businesses to re-manufacture garbage into new products.

The announcement, made at the first annual California Recycling Market Development Zone Administrators Conference in San Diego, comes a day before the Board is expected to approve an additional \$4.8 million in loans to 11 California businesses, which will generate another 154 jobs.

Through its Market Development Zone Program, "we expect these loans to result in nearly 1.2 million tons of material previously considered waste being diverted from landfills and converted into new products," announced CIWMB Market Development Committee Chairman Paul Relis.

"It is a significant start," he said, "and indicates the tremendous potential for business development in recycling throughout California."

The Recycling Market Development Zone and Loan Program was established through SB 1322 authored by former State Sen. Marian Bergeson (R-Newport Beach). It sets up special zones throughout the state for siting businesses that use waste as a resource for re-manufacturing.

The zones are managed by local government. Each year, the state provides \$5 million in funds for loans up to \$1 million at below market interest rates. Local governments generally provide other incentives, such as permit streamlining, reduced administrative fees for building and other permits, as well as tax incentives.

The program offers communities the opportunity for economic development.



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Newsrack law stymied by court challenges

Post office could take action against material

by Stephen Wasson

Even though a California law restricting the sale of sexually oriented magazines from coin-operated racks went into effect Jan. 1, most cities are not enforcing it because of a court order. However, some of the newsracks in front of the La Mesa Post Office may be on postal service property and therefore subject to some kind of action.

Last week, a federal judge threatened Attorney General Dan Lungren with jail unless he stops law enforcement officials from enforcing the law. This came after law enforcement officials in the Bay Area city of Campbell and Bakersfield seized the so-called newsracks while the injunction was in effect.

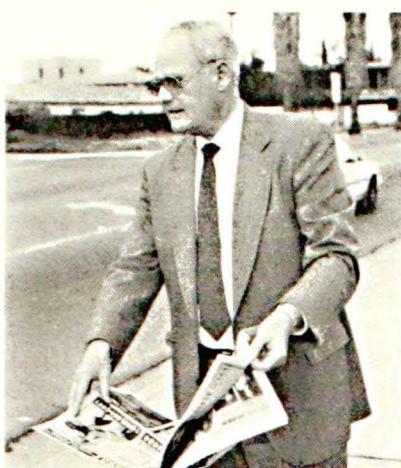
The newsracks on the Allison Avenue side of the La Mesa Post Office have been there for perhaps 20 years said Alan Stanwick, officer in charge at the post office. Their existence may have been the result of a long-standing assumption, Stanwick said.

"I just assumed since they've been there so long that some arrangement had been made with the city," he said.

Stanwick said that since the post office leases the property from the city, it is, in effect, their property and the post office has the ultimate say concerning non-postal property on postal property. Even though law enforcement agencies are temporarily prohibited from seizing racks on the public street right-of-way, racks on private property may be removed.

Stanwick said he opposes the sex magazines being sold openly and would check with the San Diego Postal District before considering any action.

"If that's on my property, then I would notify them (the distributors) and give them a reasonable amount of time to remove them," he said. "I'm not going to sanction



El Cajon City Councilman Bob McClellan in this file photo with some of the material he considers a hazard to area children. McClellan crusaded last year in support of a bill making it harder for children to purchase adult magazines from newsracks. that type of information."

Postal District spokesman Mike Cannone said that each postmaster is in charge of his building and property, and could have the racks removed if he so desired.

"Whatever is on postal property can be removed by the local postmaster," he said. "They have complete authority to do that." He said a similar incident occurred recently in Pacific Beach where customer complaints prompted the local postmaster removed racks selling similar material.

The newsrack law came into being when former Assemblyman Tom Connolly and state Senator Steve Peace (D-La Mesa) joined forces to push their version of the bill through the Public Safety Committee. According to Connolly, previous efforts had failed because legislators expected the proposed bill would be judged unconstitutional.

"The prior proposals could have been interpreted by the courts as a ban against the material," he said. "The bill as it's written is an excellent bill and I guarantee that the law will pass constitutional muster."

El Cajon City Councilman Bob McClellan was also instrumental in the keeping the effort visible by generating a steady drumbeat of publicity. McClellan made national news by purchasing copies and mailing them to state senators.

The law restricts the sale of material deemed harmful to minors from being publicly displayed or sold from coin-operated vending machines without adult supervision. Connolly and Peace wrote the bill requiring tokens to be purchased for the vending machines from a merchant, thereby creating a mechanism to supervise their sale.

Jim Atwell of Advanced Publications, publisher of some of the magazines distributed from San Diego to San Francisco, including Action and Sun, disagrees with the assessment of his publications by officials as well as the law's chances in court.

"We don't believe the magazines are harmful to minors," Atwell said. "Some of the ads are sexual and some are not. We even censor some ads. For instance, they cannot display an erection or sexual acts in the photos. You will not find sex but nudity, and nudity is not harmful to minors."

However, Mark Hopper, a psychiatrist at the San Diego Center for Children, said that frequent and early exposure to pornographic material of any degree in most cases harms young people. "Kids who have been exposed to pornographic material exhibit the same behaviors as those who have been sexually abused," he said. "They interpret everything as sexual. If you try to hug them, since they view all human interaction as sexual, they get stimulated and try to touch the person's genitals." He said pornographic material desensitizes a young child and leads to exposure to more hardcore pornography that eventually causes traumatization.

"The law is a reasonable restriction on the sale of sleazy publications so children do not have easy access, although adults will continue to be able to purchase them," said Connolly. "Is not that the duty of a civilized society?"

Motel may be able to convert
by Marilyn Phenow

National 9 Inn's long night is almost over. The motel may soon receive the go ahead to convert to an apartment.

In a 3-2 vote, the City Council approved amending the General Plan and rezoning the motel site from commercial to residential.

"We're not here to discuss the past or present problems of the National 9," said Mayor Bob Burns. "What we are here to do tonight is to decide what will be in the best interest for the use of this land, and for the Lemon Grove Community."

Last month, the council declared the motel a public nuisance in response to complaints from residents, who were concerned about safety and crime.

Residents complaints included sitings of drug use, noise, lewd behavior of residents, and dumping of refuse on the adjacent vacant property located east of the motel.

Since the April decision, the motel owner John Neill and his attorney Greg Larson of James Marinos and Associates have been involved in legal negotiations with the City Attorney Gloria McLean.

Although the negotiations remain ongoing, McLean said that the land use issue and operations of the motel could be considered separately by the council.

"The pursuit of legal remedies to the elimination of those activities that constitute a public nuisance does not preclude the City Council from considering long term solutions to the problems," McLean said.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

More than one article has appeared in the Review which mentions the effort of city management and other citizens to clean up our beautiful city.

The recent change to an organized method of trash collection which limits the number and type of trash containers people may put out to the curb for pickup had eliminated the conglomeration of barrels, cans and cartons which have littered our streets in the past. The new system automatically cleaned up our city to a great extent.

Now, however, one more step is necessary to accomplish more city beautification.

That step is to have the city

council to issue an edict to the effect that trash containers cannot be put out to the curb any earlier than the evening before pickup day and the empty containers must be removed from the curb by the end of the pickup day. As you drive through the city you will find trash bins out in some places for three or four consecutive days. New style and full or empty bins are still an eye-sore on the landscape.

Thank goodness most homeowners care about the appearance of their property.

Sherman H. Johnson

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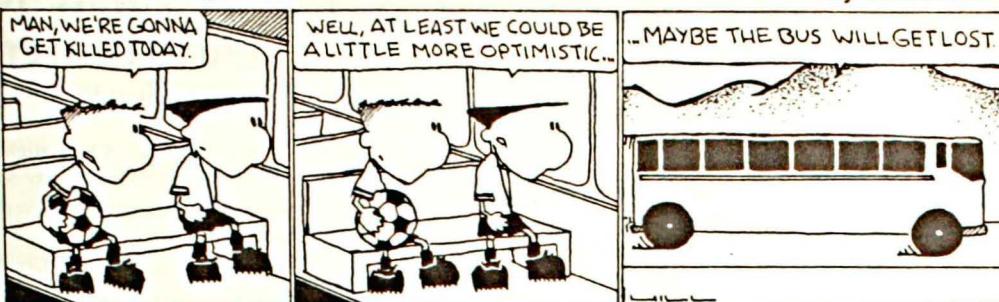
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From the Teenage Files



by Simon Hill

The right wing is ruining a good country

by Cheryl King

Aren't there any laws to protect the average citizen from far right radical groups whose avowed purpose is "to eliminate the federal government?"

The statement by right-wing militia member Don Smith (reported in the San Diego news media) that the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building was "one year overdue, but I am heartened that it happened at all" is appalling.

A man dressed in camouflage clothing interviewed on TV calls the bomb that destroyed the building "a Rembrandt; a masterpiece of art and science." I only pray that none of the parents who lost children in the bombing heard this description of the device that was used to slaughter preschoolers in diapers.

Moderates (both Republican and Democrat), immigrants, gays, Jews, people of color, pro-choice advocates, listeners to the National Public Radio, mothers and children on welfare, those who advocate any form of gun control and countless others are subjected to a constant barrage of hateful rhetoric that is more and more evolving into hateful action.

I have heard the president of our country described on radical-right talk radio as "the anti-Christ," our first lady called a "bitch," and even the president's child attacked on the basis of her personal attractiveness. The talk show hosts who have become millionaires pandering to and encouraging such sentiments should be ashamed of themselves. You can't preach hatred, ridicule, derision and paranoia to millions of people and then excuse yourself by calling it entertainment. It is not entertainment; it is propaganda.

To those so anxious to destroy our government, I ask, "How much do you REALLY have to complain about?" One of the suspects in the Oklahoma City bombing's home was a 500-acre farm with what looked like a very large and comfortable home on it. These people obviously have enough cash to buy huge amounts of weapons and ammunition, special outfits for their "military training," and computers for networking. They have the time to spend hours listening to and calling talk radio and communicating on the Internet, while many of the rest of us work all day and can't even afford a personal computer.

The radical-right movement is said to be fueled by the frustration of "angry white men" who feel, according to the press, they are not getting their fair share of the American dream.

Grow up!

We are ALL paying the price for a decade of deficit spending, corporate reorganization and defense downsizing.

But the recession is over, the economy is booming, inflation is low, job creation is up, unemployment is down and, despite all the TV shows focusing on crime, the crime rate in the United States has finally started to decline.

WE LIVE IN THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!

The next time you turn on the radio and hear someone ridiculing the government, ask yourself, "Where would I rather live?"

Cheryl King lives in Jamul.

How parents can turn off TV violence

The National Association of Elementary School Principals offers this list of suggestions:

1. Set an example. Don't leave TV on all the time, even when eating or engaged in other activities. Select specific programs for information or entertainment. Don't watch adult programs when children are present.

2. Don't use TV as a baby sitter. Keep interesting items handy as alternatives, i.e., puzzles, games, crayons, pencils, books and magazines.

3. Reject all other violent media. Make it a family rule that violent entertainment has no place in your home, whether videotapes, video games, radio programs, music lyrics or reading materials.

4. Teach your child to plan a daily after-school schedule in which TV fills only a small block of time - or perhaps none!

5. Plan a weekly TV schedule. Sit down with your child and choose suitable children's and family programs from the weekly listings.

6. Use TV to teach. Children interpret what they see differently than adults. They may not be able to distinguish fiction from fact. Watch programs with your child and compare your family values with those on TV.

7. Keep an eye on the tube. Place the TV in a central location where you can monitor who is watching what. Young children should not have TV sets in their bedrooms. Watch and evaluate new programs - even cartoons - before you let your child tune in.

8. Encourage other activities. The average American child watches TV for almost as much time as is spent in school! Reduce TV time by promoting at-home activities like exercise, hobbies, reading, homework.

9. Look for good TV. There are many fine programs to watch with your children including concerts, plays, sports events, nature and wildlife shows, animated films, documentaries and movies suitable for children.

10. Join forces to oppose TV violence. Cooperate with teachers and other parents in efforts to reduce TV violence. Let local and network television officials, government regulatory agencies and congressional leaders know you are concerned about TV violence.

This feature originally appeared in the April 1995 edition of the National School Safety Center "School Safety Update."

Commentary

by Paul Treske

The end of April 1995 is a time for serious remembrance and commentary. It marks the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Hitler's death camps and the end of the European War. It also is the 20th anniversary of the American departure from Vietnam. But all of these somber subjects skittered into the "future" file as a result of two items in Sunday's *Union-Tribune*.

Item one speaks of a radio weather forecaster in the Fresno-Madera area who was fired for refusing to put a positive spin on a not-so-hot forecast. It seems that April 15 was the day scheduled for the big (in that area anyway) second annual Dittohead Barbecue and Politically Incorrect Picnic at the Madera Fairgrounds.

Please understand that the area in question is big Rush Limbaugh country and the event was organized by KMJ, the station which did the firing. Well, weather forecaster Sean Boyd warned of a good chance of rain and the truth of the heavens themselves was upsetting to the KMJ bosses. "Predict Sunshine" they said, fearing that a chance of rain might keep some of those good Central Valley folks at home.

Boyd stuck to his weather maps and said no. Angered that their own employee refused to be politically correct in favor of the great radio and TV blabbermouth, the station bigwigs fired Boyd.

It should be noted that, just as the "Miss Ditto-

Rush vs. the Heavens

head" swim suit contest began on the day in question, the heavens opened up and it poured.

One wonders if those desperate station execs perhaps believed that Limbaugh's influence, so great here on earth, extended to the gods of weather themselves. In any case, this attempt to "sweeten-up" the weather forecast opens up a Pandora's box of possibilities.

As for Mr. Boyd, he is probably just one of that group of liberal elitists in the media that the great mouth whines about.

We are all too used to polls and studies showing that American students are seriously lacking in their grasp of history. But another note in Sunday's *U-T* shows it's more farflung than we supposed. An item from London tells of a recent British school survey in which many of the children interviewed tagged Winston Churchill as either an American president, an insurance salesman or a songwriter (probably thought he wrote some of the Beatles songs - or are they also already too far in the past to recognize?)

A quarter of the kids also couldn't quite place Adolf Hitler either.

This all would be funny if it weren't so sad. Through the ages, youth have always rejected the past in favor of the present. Here in the U.S., lots of kids can't place Roosevelt, Truman or Eisenhower, but sure know who Michael Jackson is. I'll bet those English kids know all about Princess Di - at least until next year.

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

I don't know whether to be more angry with the research group that keeps coming up with those dreadful dietary warnings or the seasonal plagues of insects that bedevil me. If it isn't a fatty burrito that's going to do me in, then it's ants threatening to carry me right out of the house. What's this world coming to?

Maybe termites. Perhaps unsalted sprouts. The future doesn't look like it holds much joy for some of us. Let me begin with what bugs me.

The only good thing about fleas is that at this time of the year we get a respite from them.

What I'm not free of, however, is the onslaught of the swarming termite population. Every year at

Diet and bugs

this time, they have this need to show up in some corner of the house to begin their assault on the structure. This call to arms finds me with sprays and drills, the old-fashioned way of battling the enemy.

As the saying goes, if you inspect for termites, you're going to find them. It's not like searching for gold or oil (Although for the termite companies, the analogy of searching for riches might hold some similarities), and you get lucky. No pest control company ever had to hire away Harvard professors to locate termites.

So while I'm contemplating my destruction by termites and rejoicing that it's not yet flea season, I have to empty my refrigerator.

Another study of dangerous foods has come out and all the offending ingredients listed in it all happen to reside in my refrigerator.

That big jar of mayo is the biggest offender, but the beef, avocado, cheese, bacon and eggs need to go, too. Along with about half of the remaining food stuffs. So much for taste. I often wonder if those researchers have any taste buds.

And as I discard all of these tasty but toxic nutrients, I have to be careful to do so in a prudent manner. If I simply toss them in the trash barrel, I'll regret it soon enough. The ants who lurk around my property will ungraciously reward me with their overwhelming presence before I can even get back to my kitchen. They seem to have an alliance with those unkind researchers when it comes to causing suffering.

I guess there are a variety of lessons to be learned here. It could be that I'm just drawn to unhealthy foods by some genetic leaning. Mexican food, Italian food, Chinese food and most of the other appetizing links on the food chain seem to be unhealthy, but I am attracted to them with more passion than I could ever show a head of lettuce or a chunk of jicama. Not good, I know.

Anyway, when I'm doing battle with the various insect plagues or feeling depressed about the diminishing list of nontoxic edibles, I can always go to the movies to escape. Whoops. Forgot about the popcorn. And with my luck, they've probably made a sequel to the movie *Arachnophobia*. Oh well.

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Cinco de Mayo festivities abound

Cinco de Mayo is often confused with Mexican Independence Day. It actually commemorates the defeat of Napoleon's army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. This victory set the stage for Mexico's eventual triumph over France.

Although sometimes disparaged for its commercialism, authentic cultural offerings can be found. Here are a few:

Lemon Grove

Lemon Grove United Methodist Church will hold a Cinco de Mayo dinner, 6 - 7 p.m. Friday at the church, 3205 Washington St. The fare will include chicken fajitas. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For further information, call 466-3291.

Spring Valley

The Santa Sophia Latin Society is sponsoring a Cinco de Mayo dinner and dance from 1 - 6 p.m. Sunday at Santa Sophia Church, 9800 San Juan St. in Casa de Oro.

The menu includes carne asada. Two drinks are included in the \$15 ticket. Admission for children is \$2.50.

Barrio Logan

Pacto Latino AIDS is throwing "Las Cuatro Milpas," a Cinco de Mayo celebration from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Friday at 1857 Logan Avenue in San Diego. Proceeds from the \$5 admissions will benefit AIDS-related services to Latinos. For further information, call 563-3901.

Chicano Theater

Centro Cultural de la Raza will present "Roosters," a contemporary Chicano play by Milcha Scott Sanchez this weekend at the center located at 2125 Park Blvd. in Balboa Park. Performances will be at

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For further information, call 235-6135, ext. 15.

Old Town

Kumara will headline the festivities at Old Town's 12th annual "Fiesta Cinco de Mayo," 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. tomorrow through Sunday at the San Diego State Historic Park.

San Diego Gas & Electric Co. is underwriting the free festival, which will feature four stages of performances, numerous food kiosks and special children's shows and activities.

Kumara, five men playing pre-Colombian flutes, drums and percussion, will be joined by Grupo

Faena and Los Misioneros del Norte. Dance groups scheduled include Ballet Folklorico Tapatio and the pre-Hispanic Danza Oceolotl.

Perimeter parking and shuttle service will be provided. For further information, call 220-5422.

La Rumarosa

For something completely different, the San Diego Natural History Museum will lead a three-day camp trip to Baja California's La Rumarosa, the site of prehistoric rock art and local geology. Campers will leave Friday and return Sunday and must provide food, water and gear. The cost is \$95 for museum members and \$115 for nonmembers. To register for a place in the carpool,

Padres shuttle buses available

San Diego Transit is running a Padres express bus service to San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium from three East County park and ride locations. Fans are encouraged to skip traffic worries by taking the bus.

For the 1995 season, San Diego Transit will provide bus service to home games on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and special events. The Padres Express fare is \$3 one way or \$5 round trip. Exact fare is required since drivers cannot give change.

The park and ride locations for the Padres Express are:

- Marketplace at the Grove - Opposite the Grove Bowling Center
- La Mesa-Spring Street Trolley Station
- El Cajon Transit Center - two blocks south of Main Street on Marshall Avenue

Buses begin loading two hours before game time. Buses will begin loading at 5:30 p.m. for 7:35 p.m. games. The last bus leaves one hour before game time. On the return, the final Padres Express leaves the stadium 20 minutes after the game.

Fans riding regular San Diego

Transit buses may transfer to the Padres Express by paying their stadium fare on their first bus and asking the driver for a stadium transfer. Tickets from the San Diego Trolley will be honored for face value toward the payment of full fare on buses to the stadium.

For more information on Padres Express service, call San Diego Transit at 233-3004 or 685-4900. Teletype for the hearing impaired may be reached at 234-5005.

The Wild Animal Park will transform its four-acre conifer forest into Dinosaur Mountain this weekend.

Dinosaur Mountain is the lair of prehistoric creatures recreated by the robotic wizardry of Dimation International. Each dinosaur has been designed by a group of paleontologists, sculptors and engineers to resemble the original as closely as possible based on modern scientific data.

A virtual reality theater on "Dino Island" makes for a thrilling expedition.

East County Theater Guide

Lamplighters Community Theater

8053 University Avenue, La Mesa (464-4598)

"A Touch of Spring" by Samuel Taylor

Fridays & Saturdays through May 21, 8 p.m.

Sundays, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 - \$8

Octad-One Productions

Grove Playhouse, Marketplace-at-the-Grove

3450 College Avenue, lower level (583-2418)

"Park Your Car in Harvard Yard" by Israel Horovitz

Fridays & Saturdays through May 21, 8 p.m.

Sundays, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$9 - \$10

San Diego State University Drama Dept.

Don Powell Theatre, SDSU

Campanile Drive, San Diego (594-6884)

"It's a Bird ... It's a Plane ... It's Superman!"

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 - \$11

Blackfriars Theatre

with the Maxim Gorky Theatre of Vladivostok

Don Powell Theatre, SDSU

5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego (594-6884)

"Ivanov" by Anton Chekhov

Wednesdays through Fridays, May 11 - 20, 8 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$11 - \$22

San Diego Junior Theatre

Casa del Prado Theater

Balboa Park, San Diego (239-8355)

"Pinocchio!" by Randy Sue Latimer

Friday through Sunday, 7 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$6 - \$8

Christian Youth Theater

Lewis Junior High School

5170 Greenbrier Avenue, San Diego (588-0206)

"Hans Christian Andersen"

May 11, 12, 19, 20, 7 p.m.

May 13, 14, 20, 21, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$6 - \$7

Santee Community Theater

Cajon Park Elementary School

10300 N. Magnolia Avenue, Santee (448-5673)

"The Robber Bridegroom," by Alfred Uhry & Robert Waldman

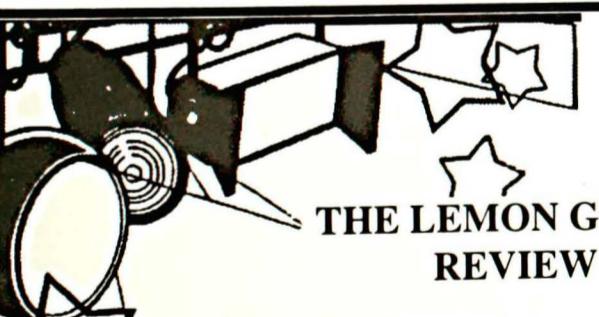
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B-Words Personal comments by Mayor Bob Burns

Street improvements

At long last we are making progress on San Miguel Street. The long-awaited installation of curbs and sidewalks that was promised by the water authority will come to pass. For those who did not know, or cannot remember after all this time, the pipeline construction included a commitment that in return for the negative impacts of the construction, there would be mitigation or appeasement measures taken. These included the street improvements at no cost to the

adjoining property owners. Full sidewalks on both sides of the street from Main Street. West to Massachusetts Avenue.

It was intended that the contractor would perform this work at the end of the pipeline construction, but they could not. So, they gave over to the City of Lemon Grove the monies that had been allocated for this work, some \$690,000, which has reposed in our treasury ever since. The project is now ready to begin.

Appraisals have been made on the strips of land that must be acquired by the city to install the

improvements. Offers will be made by an acquisition team through the months of May and June. At this same time frame the bids will be advertised and the contract will be awarded by the first of July. If eminent domain actions are necessary, they will be processed in July. Construction is estimated to be complete in 90 days, which will terminate about the first week of October.

The money, which is always a big factor, seems to be just about about a wash with what we have in the kitty. Engineering design compensation for the property taken, and the actual construction estimates, come to, guess what?

— \$690,000 plus a very few dol-

lars. Of course, these are estimates, but they are sensible and sound guesses by our staff.

What this all means is that we may well not have to dip into our general funds for any of the work. The residents along San Miguel actually did not suffer the discomfort and tribulations that were anticipated with the open ditch construction. The tunneling was much less disruptive to the people who live on that section of the street, but the water authority paid their promised amount just the same, as if they had dug the big ditch. So, there apparently is enough money in their commitment to pay the whole shot.

My final thought on this is,

that as a Lemon Grove resident property owner, on a street where there is no curb or sidewalk in front of my home, I would welcome the idea of donating the strip necessary across my frontage to allow such a street improvement to be installed free. I know that it would improve the value of my property, and make for a safer passage for pedestrians to travel. I guess that I would think that the money that the city did not have to pay for that small sliver of land, could well be given to provide better police protection, or fire service to the entire community that I call my home town. Residents of San Miguel ... think about it.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT Assigned File No 95 06137 The Name of the Business: EMCO GENERAL CONTRACTING located at: 4735 Garfield St. in La Mesa, CA 91941 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3471, La Mesa, CA 91944 is hereby registered by the following owner: MITCHELL MILES SLOGOWSKI 4735 GARFIELD ST. LA MESA, CA 91941 This business is conducted by: an individual The transaction of business began on: 3-31-95 Signature of Registrant: MITCHELL SLOGOWSKI This statement was filed with Gregory Smith the Recorder/ County Clerk of San Diego County on MAR 31, 1995. Lemon Grove Review April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1995	001704 In Book File/Page of Official records in the office of the recorder of San Diego County: Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: May 11, 1995, At 10:30 a.m. At the entrance to the City of Ocean- side, Nevada St. Annex located at 321 Nevada St., (NV at Fourth) Oceanside, CA At the time of the initial publica- tion of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described deed of trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$120,451.96. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Date: 4/05/95	Excepting therefrom the North 250.00 feet. PARCEL 2: The West 70 feet of the East 174.24 feet of the South 150 feet of Lot 49 of Lakeside, on lands of the El Cajon Valley Company, in the County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map thereof No. 353, filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County on December 30, 1886.	Lemon Grove Review April 20, 27 & May 4, 1995 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST File: 940428AB Loan: 0094-227918/ALEGRIA Other: W41366-5 A.P. Number 576-600-13-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UN- DER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 23, 1989 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PRO- PERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PRO- CEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER Notice is hereby given that Union Bank, a California Corporation, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Eric Eppel and Jennifer Eppel, husband and wife Recorded 05/27/1992 Book Page Inst. # 92-019326 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 01/20/1995 in Book Page Inst. # 95-27026 of said Official Records, will Sell on 05/25/1995, at 10:30 A.M. at AT the entrance to the city of Oceanside Nevada Street Annex, 321 Nevada Street, Oceanside, California, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (NOTE CASHIER'S CHECKS) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO Westwood Associa- tions, all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as Lot 161 of Hillside, in the county of San Diego, state of California, according to Map thereon recorded 01/20/1995 in Book Page Inst. # 95-27026 of said Official Records, will Sell on 05/11/1995 at the South entrance to the County Courthouse at 220 West Broadway San Diego, CA, at 10:00 A.M. at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State herein- after described. 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PARCEL 1: An undivided 1/48th fractional interest as tenant in common in and to Lot 4 of County of San Diego, Tract No. 4339, in the County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map Thereof No. 10658, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, on June 9, 1983. Excepting therefrom the following: All living areas shown

upon the first amended Avocado Village - Phase IV Condominium Plan recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California on June 6, 1985, as Document No. 85-200942 of Official Records.

PARCEL 2: Living Area No. 119, as shown upon the Condominium Plan referred to above.

PARCEL 3: The exclusive right to use, possession and occupancy of those portions of Parcel 1 described above, designated as D-119, P-7, G-119, and S-119 on the Condominium Plan referred to above, which are appurtenant to Parcels 1 and 2 above described.

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ON THE BEAT

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The result of all that work has reduced crime, Flores said. Property crimes dropped from 985 in 1993 to 907 in 1994, and auto thefts are down from 258 to 234.

Only partial figures are available for Spring Valley and Mount Helix since the program began mid-year.

Santee is also experiencing RSVP success. While burglaries are up, overall property crime is down, dropping from 1,357 in 1993 to 1,125 in 1994. Auto thefts dropped from 233 to 164.

And like Lemon Grove, the volunteers are putting in many hours and logging a lot of miles.

Capt. Charles Lane, who heads up the Santee Sheriff's Sub-station said that in 1994 (the program began March 2, 1994), 34 volunteers worked 6,246 hours, drove 11,000 miles, made 644 vacation home checks, wrote tickets for 173 handicap parking violations and cruised the parking lots of shopping centers 2,500 times.

"This program is enormously successful," Lane said. "Those guys are everywhere. I see them all over this town just cruising and looking and calling in if need be."

In La Mesa, where the program began in the fall of 1994, the 33 volunteers are also keeping busy. During the first quarter of this year, they logged 2,517 volunteer hours. They completed 198 vacation home checks, issued 176 citations, wrote 266 72-hour parking warnings while driving 6,400 miles.

Like other communities, RSVP is taking a bite out of crime, especially at Grossmont Center, where auto thefts are down 46 percent.

If checking on vacation homes and doing paper work sounds dull, RSVPers aren't complaining. Most volunteers are keenly aware of the drop in crime in their communities, which gives them a sense of accomplishment. They also appreciate the residents who encourage them with kind words. The duty, they say, also helps keep them active.

"I have to stay busy," said Elsie Campbell, who volunteers through RSVP at La Mesa's Police Storefront in Grossmont



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Center. "If I stayed home and all I did was quilt and embroider I would age 10 years in 10 weeks."

Mayor Burns, who volunteers each Monday in Lemon Grove, said that he figures to increase the time he spends on patrol once he steps down from his elected post.

"It helps me stay active," Burns said. "It's far better than being a couch potato."

Almost to a person, the volunteers are long-time residents of their communities who say they want to give something back to their neighborhoods. As San Diego's Wilson noted, they are gentle, caring and they love what they're doing.

The enthusiasm of RSVPers is encouraging, said Maxine Lynch, a crime prevention specialist for La Mesa.

"It's wonderful to work with people who actually want to get the job done and enjoy what they're doing," Lynch said.

The job is interesting, RSVPers say, because even though the duties seem routine, the shifts are always unpredictable.

"When I first started out, I thought it was exciting to write a handicap parking ticket, which is a \$330 fine," said Lou Lau of La Mesa. "But when you've been on the job a couple of months,

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Lou Lau checks handicap parking stalls while on patrol with La Mesa RSVP at Grossmont Hospital.

authority, but it wasn't a confrontation. Gilmore had just finished writing a ticket, the owner of the car appeared and questioned who gave him the authority to do what he was doing. The man was satisfied with Gilmore's answer.

"He wasn't aggressive and we both walked away smiling," Gilmore said.

At first, sworn officers were apprehensive about working with the volunteers. Officers and deputies were afraid the volunteers would get in the way. Now they never hesitate to ask for their assistance directing traffic at an accident scene or helping with crowd control when needed.

"Hardly a day goes by when we're out on patrol that we don't hear a police officer ask if an RSVP patrol is available to assist him," said Bob Bailey, a La Mesa volunteer.

Officers say their perception of RSVPers has gone from citizens intruding



Bob Burns snaps a photo while his RSVP partner Charles Rodefer does the paperwork on a car the pair suspect of violating Lemon Grove's 72-hour parking code.

into police work to considering them important members of the force.

"Most of the officers consider the RSVP folks as part of the family," said Sgt. Mike Murphy of the La Mesa Police Department.

RSVP is not an inexpensive program. The city of Lemon Grove contributed \$8,000, and Santee has given about \$8,000 so far. Santee's next budget will include another \$4,000. In La Mesa, the city has already spent \$11,925, and officials are seeking an additional \$26,000 for the coming budget year. The program has also received \$3,300 in donations.

In Spring Valley the program received \$8,000 from a federal program administered by the County Board of Supervisors, and various community groups have kicked in an additional \$3,500.

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob also pushed for, and received \$200,000 for RSVP countywide. The Sheriff's Department is currently developing a plan for spending that money.

Even in areas where the program is successful, money is tight, according to Lemon Grove's Flores. He needs patrol cars, more volunteers, new radios and money for gas. He doubts the additional money Jacob secured for the program will cover his station's needs.

"The tough part is we don't have enough cars," Flores said. "We could be fielding more patrols if we had the cars, but of course, we have to field deputies first, reserves second and then volunteers. It puts a tremendous strain on us."

Not that Flores is complaining. After all, who can put a price on lower crime rates?

Palm Middle School gives students high-tech learning experience

by Marilyn Phenow

Palm Middle School parents and Lemon Grove business owners received the chance Tuesday night to travel along the information highway and get a firsthand look at the technological and computer programs Palm Middle School offers to students.

The bell rang, and the 300 visiting students moved onto the next class session that would demonstrate how multi-media programs can be used in a variety of school disciplines.

"We mainly wanted to have a show and tell for the parents, letting them see what we have to offer and how we can integrate these technological and computer programs throughout our curriculum," said Computer Multi-

Media Teacher Patty MacIntyre.

Parents received the chance to be students for the night as they went to three class sessions that included 25 stations presenting demonstrations of how multi-media and other technological programs can be used in various subjects. A program listed the individual work stations that would be presented to the visitors in the three classroom setting.

"We set it up this way so the visitors would have their choice of which subjects they wanted to see demonstrated with the multi-media," said MacIntyre.

She said one of the most popular choices included the broadcasting exhibition. Palm Middle students and teachers put together a broadcast news package that is seen daily by the students.

The students assemble a news program that contains sound and video, and deliver the news themselves as anchors. The Internet is used widely by these future journalists to include weather maps.

"They learn how to access Internet, and at the same time how to apply the map with the multi-media equipment," said MacIntyre.

Voice and sound were also demonstrated to parents at the performing arts class session. Students combined the vocal and drama to create a video and computer graphics that featured some pop art activities that Palm students performed throughout the year.

The Science 2000 classroom featured the computer work stations of multi-media that contain

large individual disc players used as part of the science curriculum.

"They got the chance to see the CD-ROMs that the kids use with the disc player to learn about science particulars, like the solar system and weather patterns," said MacIntyre.

Heart beats could be seen and heard at the P.E. classroom. Students and teachers shared heart rate monitors. Visitors could monitor their hearts, and hear instructors explain how important it is for students to maintain a specific efficient heart rate while they exercise.

The goal of the night was to introduce parents, and community members to a new classroom experience.

"We wanted to create a future vision of how important it is for

multi-media to be used, and how much it is an asset for all subjects to be integrated throughout the curriculum," said Mac Intyre. "Unfortunately, we can't succeed with this vision for our kids if we don't have the necessary equipment to do so. It's important that the whole community gets behind what we are trying to accomplish."

MacIntyre got the attention of some of the businesses in the community to assist with the financial need. Last month, the school began sending out flyers announcing the date for Tuesday night's technological program, but the flyers also invited parents and businesses to join the Palm Technology Booster Club.

"As a member they can contribute \$25.00 and receive a per-